



## Mayor Mark Mallory

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### **Mayor Mallory & ArtWorks to Announce Nine New MuralWorks Projects for 2008**

CINCINNATI – Mayor Mark Mallory and ArtWorks announced the nine communities selected for neighborhood murals in the second summer of MuralWorks. MuralWorks began in 2007 as part of ArtWorks Summer Job Program for teen artists. Developed in partnership with Mayor Mallory's Office, the goal of MuralWorks is to transform neighborhoods by creating inspirational works of public art that will have a lasting community impact. Nine communities received murals in 2007.

The Nine communities confirmed for murals are Avondale, Camp Washington, Carthage, Columbia Tusculum, Downtown, East Walnut Hills, Over-the-Rhine, Queensgate, and Spring Grove Village.

"MuralWorks is making an impact in all areas of our city," Mayor Mallory said. "By the end of the summer, we will have completed 18 total murals and we're going to keep going. The goal is to create multiple murals in all of our neighborhoods. Each project brings residents together to celebrate what makes their community special."

Murals are created by teens working with professional artists. ArtWorks will interview area teens 14-19 and professional artists in April for muralist positions in the 2008 ArtWorks Summer Program. As many as 110 teens will be hired to work on MuralWorks projects. ArtWorks will work with the selected communities to develop and approve the proposed artwork for the murals. Painting begins at the start of the ArtWorks Summer Program on June 16.

"For ArtWorks, MuralWorks will provide jobs and income for talented teens. MuralWorks also offers the opportunity for local residents to collaborate with professional artists, giving communities the chance to express neighborhood identity through the creation of large-scale community murals", says Tamara Harkavy, Director of ArtWorks.

ArtWorks has received \$120,000 annually from the City of Cincinnati for MuralWorks as part of the Mayor's Summer Youth Jobs Initiative. This public investment has allowed ArtWorks to leverage over \$400,000 in private support from UBS, P&G, and The H.B., E.W. and F.R. Luther Charitable Foundation, Fifth Third Bank – Narley L. Haley, Co-Trustees and others.

ArtWorks is still seeking additional financial support for projects. Individuals or businesses interested in supporting MuralWorks should contact ArtWorks at 333-0388. ArtWorks' goal is to create a sustainable program that will create murals in every Cincinnati neighborhood.

Communities can apply for murals year-round. Applications for murals and for employment are available for download on the ArtWorks Website: [www.ArtWorksCincinnati.org](http://www.ArtWorksCincinnati.org).

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